

## STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

The State of Minnesota seeks to protect, maintain, and improve the health of all Minnesotans;

and

WHEREAS:

Antibiotics are a critical weapon against infectious bacterial diseases that can harm people of

all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS:

Extensive, and often inappropriate, use of antibiotics has resulted in the development of

antibiotic resistance which has threatened the ability of healthcare providers to fight

infectious diseases; and

WHEREAS:

Antibiotic resistance has become a key threat to health in the United States, causing more

than two million illnesses and at least 23,000 deaths each year; and

WHEREAS:

Appropriate use of antibiotics is a key solution to addressing the threat of antibiotic

resistance; and

WHEREAS:

Comprehensive education about antibiotics can facilitate a shift in the mindset and practices

of healthcare workers and the general public, contributing to greater consistency in

appropriate prescribing methods and uses of antibiotics; and

WHEREAS:

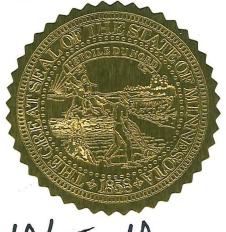
The Minnesota Department of Health is partnering with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, physician organizations, health plans, local public health organizations and consumer groups to educate health professionals and consumers about the appropriate use of

antibiotics.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 16-22, 2015, as:

## GET SMART – KNOW WHEN ANTIBIOTICS WORK WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November.

**GOVERNOR**